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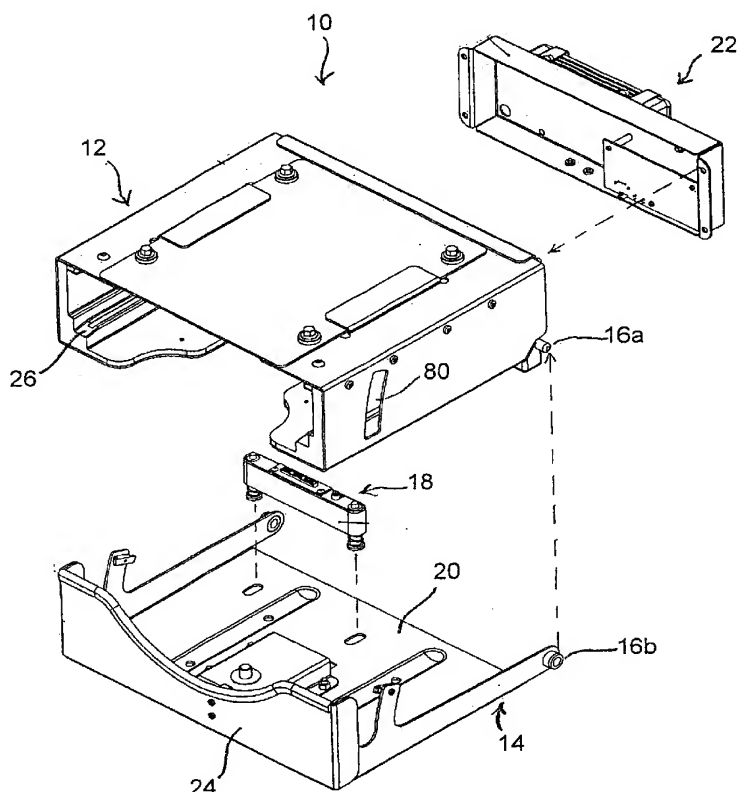
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**(57) Abstract:** A computer docking apparatus for use with a portable computer, particularly in vehicles, comprising a cradle member suitable for receiving a portable computer and a closure member; an electrical connector assembly that operably makes power and/or data-transfer connections to the computer; the connector assembly being attached to the closure member the position of which may be changed such that the computer may be inserted into or removed from the cradle when the closure member is in the a first position and moving the closure member from this first position to a second position causes the electrical connector assembly to engage the computer to allow power and/or data-transfer connections between the docking apparatus and the computer.

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